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1. Hiroshima shopping district's "CtoB" takes the opposite of the mall model. Gekkan Solution IT, Ric Telecom Co., January 1, 2001, Vol. 13, No. 1, p. 20-27
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H3-52094, published March 6, 1991 (with English Abstract)
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H6-243344, published September 2, 1994 (with English Abstract)

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4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H11-101035,  
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5. Japanese Utility Model No. 3071655, published June 28, 2000

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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		JP	03-052094	A	03-06-1991	NEC YAMAGATA LTD	Abstract
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